

City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2007

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 in the Atrium Room of the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Laurie Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Robert Patten, Greg Castano, Jay Ulfelder, Dan Turner, Margaret Warner, Jay Lee

Members Absent: Sanjay Grover, Wolfgang Mergner

Staff Present: David Suls, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

2. Approval of Minutes: review and vote on adoption

The minutes from the January 9th, 2007 meeting were reviewed and adopted unanimously.

3. Action Items

FY07 Projects: At the previous meeting the Committee approved spending \$1500 to include a public transportation map in the Takoma Park Survival Guide. There is \$8500 remaining for projects this year. The Committee decided to carry out three more projects in FY07:

- An insert in the City Newsletter with information and graphics on public transportation and pedestrian, bicycle and driver safety.
- Commissioned articles on pedestrian safety in the City Newsletter's May and June editions.
- Additional bus information posts.

Action: The Committee voted unanimously to fund the first two projects (the newsletter insert and articles) and when quotes are obtained, use the remaining funds on additional bus information posts.

FY08 Budget Recommended Priorities: The Safe Roadways Committee reviewed their Recommended Priorities for the FY08 City Budget. The Committee updated the document presented to Council last year to reflect the Committee's progress and the City's current priority

areas. Jay Lee, Gregg Castano, and Margy Warner volunteered to present the recommended priorities and an end of year report to Council.

Action: The Committee voted unanimously to present the Recommended Priorities to the Council after changes discussed during the meeting. Changes included prioritizing funding to repair the Sligo Creek bridge on Maple Avenue and develop a City sidewalk/‘pedestrian access’ ordinance with citizen involvement. The Committee will also ask for \$20,000 to fund safe roadways public outreach, education, and small infrastructure projects.

Neighborhood Traffic Studies: There is \$25,000 in the City’s FY07 budget for neighborhood traffic studies. SRC has also been asked to participate in the selection process for a consultant.

Action: The Committee voted unanimously to designate Margy Warner as the SRC representative for the consultant interviews.

4. Brief Announcements / Updates

Montgomery County Road Standards: The County is in the process of re-writing their road standards, chapter 49 of their code. The amendments are in bill 48-06.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted

David Suls, Associate Planner

Approved

Laurie Kelly, Chair